

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 is merited as it raises no new issues and requires no further search.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 3, 10-11, 17, 24-25, and 29 are pending in the instant application. Allowable claims 3, 10, 17, and 24 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of respective base claims in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations, and hence, the allowable subject matter, of claim 24.

All other non-allowed claims have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. It should be noted that the cancellation of the non-allowed claims has been made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue the rejected claims in a continuation application.

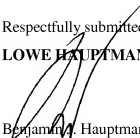
Accordingly, all claims in the present application are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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